

Appendix 4-B.

Direct-Use Case Studies

The following case studies, obtained by running LMOP's LFGcost economic assessment tool, are example preliminary economic assessments for a direct-use (e.g., boiler) landfill gas (LFG) energy project. The first case, named "Direct Use 1" is a privately funded project at a landfill that already has an LFG collection and flaring system in place and requires 5 miles of pipeline to deliver the LFG to the end user. "Direct Use 2," a similar case, is for a landfill that does not have an LFG collection and flaring system and must include collection system and flare costs in the economic assessment. Several other cases, including projects with 10-mile pipelines and projects that use municipal funding, are also included. The summary table below describes each case. The following pages present the actual output from [LFGcost-Web](#).

Privately Developed Projects

Case Study Name	Project Description	Financing and Revenue Elements	Financial Results Summary
Direct Use 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct-use project with 5-mile pipeline (includes condensate management) No collection and flaring system required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% down payment, 80% financed 8% interest rate \$5/MMBtu (default) LFG price 	Capital cost: \$2,779,773 O&M cost: \$128,782 NPV: \$3,145,698 IRR: 57% NPV payback (years): 3
Direct Use 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct-use project with 5-mile pipeline (includes condensate management) LFG collection and flaring system required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% down payment, 80% financed 8% interest rate \$5/MMBtu (default) LFG price 	Capital cost: \$4,629,695 O&M cost: \$408,089 NPV: \$476,674 IRR: 14% NPV payback (years): 12
Direct Use 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct-use project with 10-mile pipeline (includes condensate management) No collection and flaring system required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% down payment, 80% financed 8% interest rate \$5/MMBtu (default) LFG price 	Capital cost: \$4,462,938 O&M cost: \$128,782 NPV: \$2,002,785 IRR: 28% NPV payback (years): 6
Direct Use 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct-use project with 10-mile pipeline (includes condensate management) LFG collection and flaring system required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% down payment, 80% financed 8% interest rate \$5/MMBtu (default) LFG price 	Capital cost: \$6,312,860 O&M cost: \$408,089 NPV: (\$668,637) IRR: 6% NPV payback (years): none

Municipality-Developed Projects

Case Study Name	Project Description	Financing and Revenue Elements	Financial Results Summary
Direct Use 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct-use project with 5-mile pipeline (includes condensate management) No collection and flaring system required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% down payment using municipal budget 6% discount rate \$5/MMBtu (default) LFG price 	Capital cost: \$2,779,773 O&M cost: \$128,782 NPV: \$7,627,800 IRR: 40% NPV payback (years): 3
Direct Use 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct-use project with 5-mile pipeline (includes condensate management) No collection and flaring system required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% down payment, 80% bond-financed 6% interest rate, 6% discount rate \$5/MMBtu (default) LFG price 	Capital cost: \$2,779,773 O&M cost: \$128,782 NPV: \$7,501,924 IRR: 92% NPV payback (years): 2
Direct Use 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct-use project with 5-mile pipeline (includes condensate management) LFG collection and flaring system required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% down payment using municipal budget 6% discount rate \$5/MMBtu (default) LFG price 	Capital cost: \$4,629,695 O&M cost: \$408,089 NPV: \$2,971,556 IRR: 15% NPV payback (years): 8
Direct Use 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct-use project with 5-mile pipeline (includes condensate management) LFG collection and flaring system required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% down payment, 80% bond-financed 6% interest rate, 6% discount rate \$5/MMBtu (default) LFG price 	Capital cost: \$4,629,695 O&M cost: \$408,089 NPV: \$2,761,909 IRR: 24% NPV payback (years): 6

IRR: internal rate of return

MMBtu = million British thermal units

NPV = net present value

O&M = operation and maintenance



Case Study ID: Direct Use 1

U.S. EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program

Landfill Gas Energy Cost Model LFGcost, Version 2.0

Summary Report

Landfill Name or Identifier: Private Finance

LFGE Project Type: Direct Use
5-Mile Pipeline

Date: Friday, September 04, 2009

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Summary Results

Project Start Year: 2011
Project End Year: 2025
Project Type: Direct Use

Financial Results:

Net Present Value:	\$3,145,698	(at year of construction)
Internal Rate of Return:	57%	
Net Present Value Payback (yrs):	3	(years after operation begins)
Installed Capital Costs:		

Skid-mounted Filter, Compressor, and Dehydration Unit:	\$1,096,608
Pipeline to convey gas to project site:	\$1,683,165
Total Capital Costs:	\$2,779,773
O&M Costs:	\$128,782 (for initial year of operation)

These financial results DO NOT include the costs associated with the LFG collection and flaring system.

Environmental Benefits**Benefits from Collecting and Destroying Methane (during the life of the project):**

Lifetime	(million ft ³ methane):	3,754
	(MMTCO ₂ E):	1.51E+00
Average Annual	(million ft ³ methane/yr):	250
	(MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.01E-01

Benefits from Avoided Direct Use of Fossil Fuels (during the life of the project):

Lifetime (MMTCO ₂ E):	1.72E-01
Average Annual (MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.15E-02

Landfill Characteristics

Open Year:	1994
Closure Year:	2014
Waste-In-Place at Closure (tons)	4,000,000
Average Waste Acceptance (tons/yr):	200,000
Average Depth of Landfill Waste (ft):	50
Area of LFG Wellfield to Supply Project (acres):	80

Landfill Gas Generation, Collection, and Utilization**Modeling Parameters for First-Order Decay Equation:**

Methane Generation Rate, k (1/yr):	0.040
Methane Generation Capacity, L _o (ft ³ /ton):	3,204
Methane Content of LFG:	50%

Generated During Project Lifetime (ft³/min):

Minimum:	865
Annual Average:	1,120
Maximum:	1,343

Collected During Project Lifetime (ft³/min):

Minimum:	735
Annual Average:	952
Maximum:	1,141

Project Size: Defined by User

Design Flow Rate for Project (ft³/min): 1,000

Utilized by Project (ft³/min):

Annual Average:	828
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LFG Collection Efficiency: 85%

Financial Assumptions

Loan Lifetime (years): 10

Interest Rate: 8.0%

General Inflation Rate: 2.5% *(applied to O&M costs)*

Equipment Inflation Rate: 1.0%

Marginal Tax Rate: 35.0%

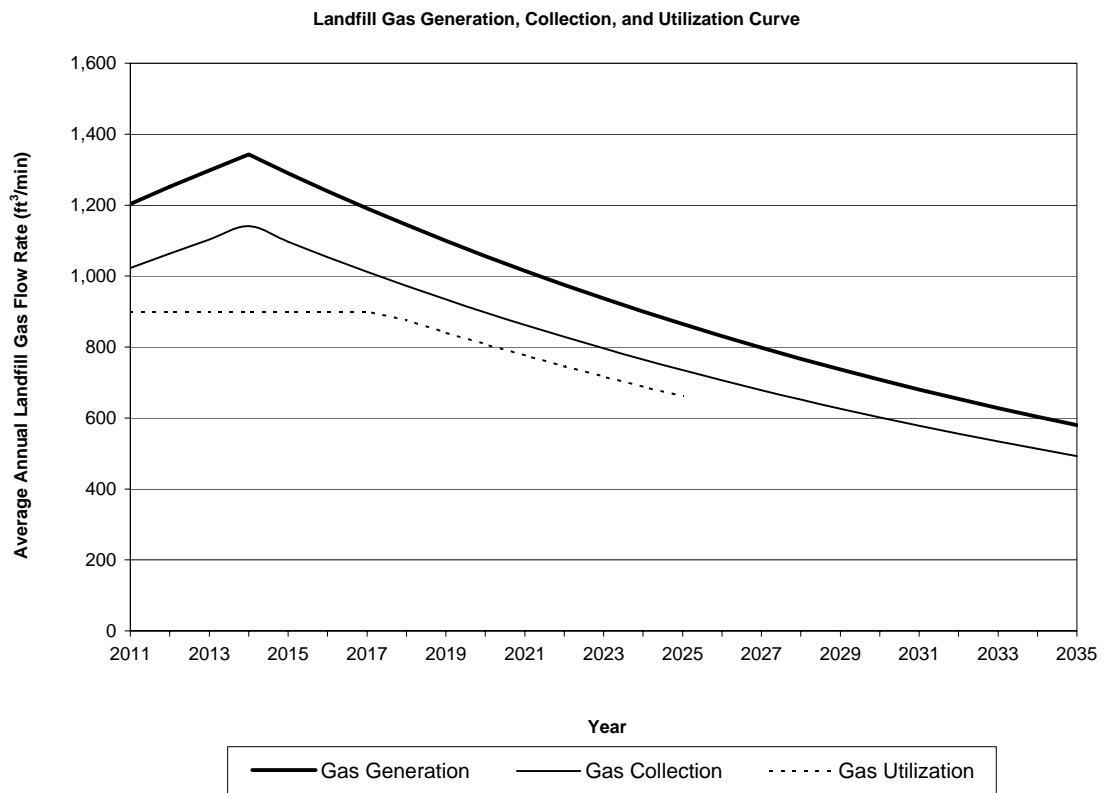
Discount Rate: 10.0%

Down Payment: 20.0%

Collection and Flaring Costs: NOT Included

Direct Use Production and Sales Summary

Pipeline Length From Landfill to End User (mi):	5.0	
LFG Average Utilization (million Btu/yr):	220,091	<i>(during the life of the project)</i>
Initial Year LFG Price (\$/million Btu):	5	





Case Study ID: Direct Use 2

U.S. EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program

Landfill Gas Energy Cost Model LFGcost, Version 2.0

Summary Report

Landfill Name or Identifier: Private Finance
Including Costs for Gas Collection and Flare

LFGE Project Type: Direct Use
5-Mile Pipeline

Date: Friday, September 04, 2009

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Summary Results

Project Start Year: 2011

Project End Year: 2025

Project Type: Direct Use

Financial Results:

Net Present Value:	\$476,674	(at year of construction)
Internal Rate of Return:	14%	
Net Present Value Payback (yrs):	12	(years after operation begins)
Installed Capital Costs:		
Gas Collection and Flare:	\$1,849,922	
Skid-mounted Filter, Compressor, and Dehydration Unit:	\$1,096,608	
Pipeline to convey gas to project site:	\$1,683,165	
Total Capital Costs:	\$4,629,695	
O&M Costs:	\$408,089	(for initial year of operation)

These financial results include the costs associated with the gas collection and flaring system.

Environmental Benefits**Benefits from Collecting and Destroying Methane (during the life of the project):**

Lifetime	(million ft ³ methane):	3,754
	(MMTCO ₂ E):	1.51E+00
Average Annual	(million ft ³ methane/yr):	250
	(MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.01E-01

Benefits from Avoided Direct Use of Fossil Fuels (during the life of the project):

Lifetime (MMTCO ₂ E):	1.72E-01
Average Annual (MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.15E-02

Landfill Characteristics

Open Year:	1994
Closure Year:	2014
Waste-In-Place at Closure (tons)	4,000,000
Average Waste Acceptance (tons/yr):	200,000
Average Depth of Landfill Waste (ft):	50
Area of LFG Wellfield to Supply Project (acres):	80

Landfill Gas Generation, Collection, and Utilization**Modeling Parameters for First-Order Decay Equation:**

Methane Generation Rate, k (1/yr):	0.040
Methane Generation Capacity, L _o (ft ³ /ton):	3,204
Methane Content of LFG:	50%

Generated During Project Lifetime (ft³/min):

Minimum:	865
Annual Average:	1,120
Maximum:	1,343

Collected During Project Lifetime (ft³/min):

Minimum:	735
Annual Average:	952
Maximum:	1,141

Project Size: Defined by User

Design Flow Rate for Project (ft³/min): 1,000

Utilized by Project (ft³/min):

Annual Average: 828

LFG Collection Efficiency: 85%

Financial Assumptions

Loan Lifetime (years): 10

Interest Rate: 8.0%

General Inflation Rate: 2.5% *(applied to O&M costs)*

Equipment Inflation Rate: 1.0%

Marginal Tax Rate: 35.0%

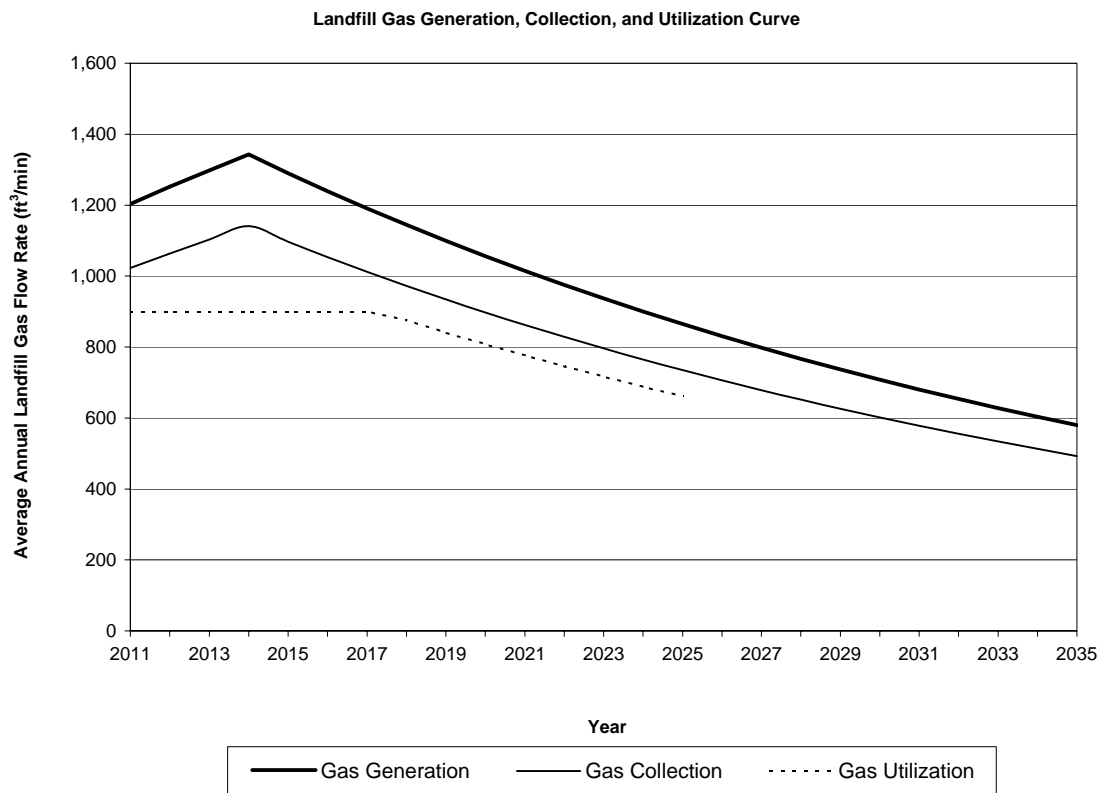
Discount Rate: 10.0%

Down Payment: 20.0%

Collection and Flaring Costs: Included

Direct Use Production and Sales Summary

Pipeline Length From Landfill to End User (mi):	5.0	
LFG Average Utilization (million Btu/yr):	220,091	(during the life of the project)
Initial Year LFG Price (\$/million Btu):	5	





Case Study ID: Direct Use 3

U.S. EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program

Landfill Gas Energy Cost Model **LFGcost, Version 2.0**

Summary Report

Landfill Name or Identifier: Private Finance

LFGE Project Type: Direct Use
10-Mile Pipeline

Date: Friday, September 04, 2009

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Summary Results

Project Start Year: 2011
Project End Year: 2025
Project Type: Direct Use

Financial Results:

Net Present Value:	\$2,002,785	(at year of construction)
Internal Rate of Return:	28%	
Net Present Value Payback (yrs):	6	(years after operation begins)
Installed Capital Costs:		

Skid-mounted Filter, Compressor, and Dehydration Unit:	\$1,096,608
Pipeline to convey gas to project site:	\$3,366,330
Total Capital Costs:	\$4,462,938

O&M Costs:	\$128,782	(for initial year of operation)
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These financial results DO NOT include the costs associated with the LFG collection and flaring system.

Environmental Benefits**Benefits from Collecting and Destroying Methane (during the life of the project):**

Lifetime	(million ft ³ methane):	3,754
	(MMTCO ₂ E):	1.51E+00
Average Annual	(million ft ³ methane/yr):	250
	(MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.01E-01

Benefits from Avoided Direct Use of Fossil Fuels (during the life of the project):

Lifetime (MMTCO ₂ E):	1.72E-01
Average Annual (MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.15E-02

Landfill Characteristics

Open Year:	1994
Closure Year:	2014
Waste-In-Place at Closure (tons)	4,000,000
Average Waste Acceptance (tons/yr):	200,000
Average Depth of Landfill Waste (ft):	50
Area of LFG Wellfield to Supply Project (acres):	80

Landfill Gas Generation, Collection, and Utilization**Modeling Parameters for First-Order Decay Equation:**

Methane Generation Rate, k (1/yr):	0.040
Methane Generation Capacity, L _o (ft ³ /ton):	3,204
Methane Content of LFG:	50%

Generated During Project Lifetime (ft³/min):

Minimum:	865
Annual Average:	1,120
Maximum:	1,343

Collected During Project Lifetime (ft³/min):

Minimum:	735
Annual Average:	952
Maximum:	1,141

Project Size: Defined by User

Design Flow Rate for Project (ft³/min): 1,000

Utilized by Project (ft³/min):

Annual Average: 828

LFG Collection Efficiency: 85%

Financial Assumptions

Loan Lifetime (years): 10

Interest Rate: 8.0%

General Inflation Rate: 2.5% *(applied to O&M costs)*

Equipment Inflation Rate: 1.0%

Marginal Tax Rate: 35.0%

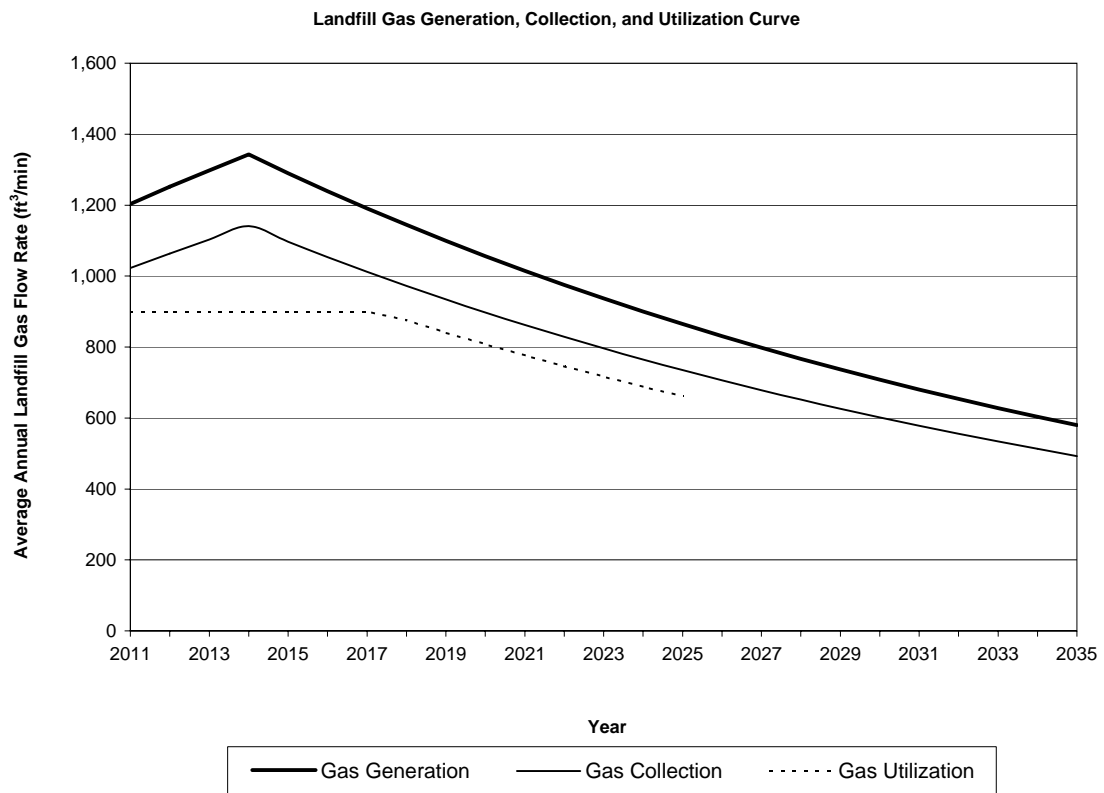
Discount Rate: 10.0%

Down Payment: 20.0%

Collection and Flaring Costs: NOT Included

Direct Use Production and Sales Summary

Pipeline Length From Landfill to End User (mi):	10.0	
LFG Average Utilization (million Btu/yr):	220,091	(during the life of the project)
Initial Year LFG Price (\$/million Btu):	5	





Case Study ID: Direct Use 4

U.S. EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program

Landfill Gas Energy Cost Model LFGcost, Version 2.0

Summary Report

Landfill Name or Identifier: Private Finance
Including Costs for Gas Collection and Flare

LFGE Project Type: Direct Use
10-Mile Pipeline

Date: Friday, September 04, 2009

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Summary Results

Project Start Year: 2011

Project End Year: 2025

Project Type: Direct Use

Financial Results:

Net Present Value:	(\$668,637)	(at year of construction)
Internal Rate of Return:	6%	
Net Present Value Payback (yrs):	None	(years after operation begins)
Installed Capital Costs:		
Gas Collection and Flare:	\$1,849,922	
Skid-mounted Filter, Compressor, and Dehydration Unit:	\$1,096,608	
Pipeline to convey gas to project site:	\$3,366,330	
Total Capital Costs:	\$6,312,860	
O&M Costs:	\$408,089	(for initial year of operation)

These financial results include the costs associated with the gas collection and flaring system.

Environmental Benefits**Benefits from Collecting and Destroying Methane (during the life of the project):**

Lifetime	(million ft ³ methane):	3,754
	(MMTCO ₂ E):	1.51E+00
Average Annual	(million ft ³ methane/yr):	250
	(MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.01E-01

Benefits from Avoided Direct Use of Fossil Fuels (during the life of the project):

Lifetime (MMTCO ₂ E):	1.72E-01
Average Annual (MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.15E-02

Landfill Characteristics

Open Year:	1994
Closure Year:	2014
Waste-In-Place at Closure (tons)	4,000,000
Average Waste Acceptance (tons/yr):	200,000
Average Depth of Landfill Waste (ft):	50
Area of LFG Wellfield to Supply Project (acres):	80

Landfill Gas Generation, Collection, and Utilization**Modeling Parameters for First-Order Decay Equation:**

Methane Generation Rate, k (1/yr):	0.040
Methane Generation Capacity, L _o (ft ³ /ton):	3,204
Methane Content of LFG:	50%

Generated During Project Lifetime (ft³/min):

Minimum:	865
Annual Average:	1,120
Maximum:	1,343

Collected During Project Lifetime (ft³/min):

Minimum:	735
Annual Average:	952
Maximum:	1,141

Project Size: Defined by User

Design Flow Rate for Project (ft³/min): 1,000

Utilized by Project (ft³/min):

Annual Average: 828

LFG Collection Efficiency: 85%

Financial Assumptions

Loan Lifetime (years): 10

Interest Rate: 8.0%

General Inflation Rate: 2.5% *(applied to O&M costs)*

Equipment Inflation Rate: 1.0%

Marginal Tax Rate: 35.0%

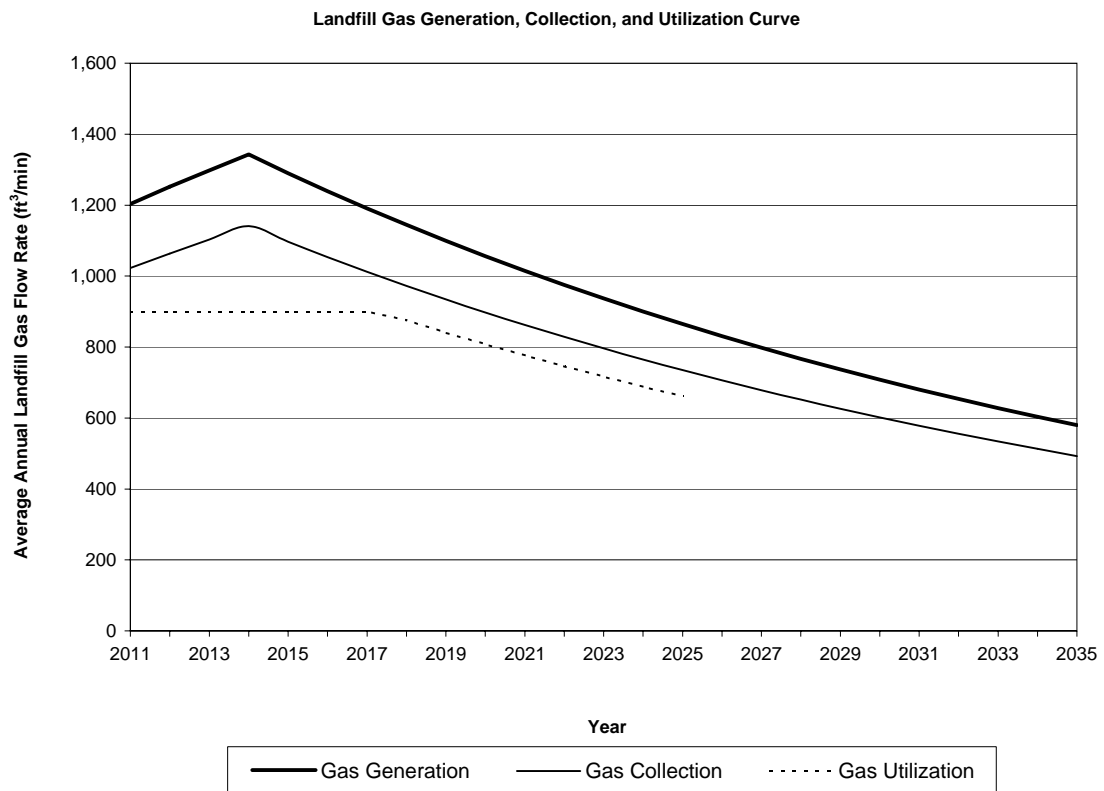
Discount Rate: 10.0%

Down Payment: 20.0%

Collection and Flaring Costs: Included

Direct Use Production and Sales Summary

Pipeline Length From Landfill to End User (mi):	10.0	
LFG Average Utilization (million Btu/yr):	220,091	(during the life of the project)
Initial Year LFG Price (\$/million Btu):	5	





Case Study ID: Direct Use 5

U.S. EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program

Landfill Gas Energy Cost Model **LFGcost, Version 2.0**

Summary Report

Landfill Name or Identifier: Municipal Budget Finance

LFGE Project Type: Direct Use
5-Mile Pipeline

Date: Friday, September 04, 2009

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Summary Results

Project Start Year: 2011
Project End Year: 2025
Project Type: Direct Use

Financial Results:

Net Present Value:	\$7,627,800	(at year of construction)
Internal Rate of Return:	40%	
Net Present Value Payback (yrs):	3	(years after operation begins)
Installed Capital Costs:		

Skid-mounted Filter, Compressor, and Dehydration Unit:	\$1,096,608
Pipeline to convey gas to project site:	\$1,683,165
Total Capital Costs:	\$2,779,773
O&M Costs:	\$128,782 (for initial year of operation)

These financial results DO NOT include the costs associated with the LFG collection and flaring system.

Environmental Benefits**Benefits from Collecting and Destroying Methane (during the life of the project):**

Lifetime	(million ft ³ methane):	3,754
	(MMTCO ₂ E):	1.51E+00
Average Annual	(million ft ³ methane/yr):	250
	(MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.01E-01

Benefits from Avoided Direct Use of Fossil Fuels (during the life of the project):

Lifetime (MMTCO ₂ E):	1.72E-01
Average Annual (MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.15E-02

Landfill Characteristics

Open Year:	1994
Closure Year:	2014
Waste-In-Place at Closure (tons)	4,000,000
Average Waste Acceptance (tons/yr):	200,000
Average Depth of Landfill Waste (ft):	50
Area of LFG Wellfield to Supply Project (acres):	80

Landfill Gas Generation, Collection, and Utilization**Modeling Parameters for First-Order Decay Equation:**

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Methane Generation Capacity, L _o (ft ³ /ton):	3,204
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Minimum:	865
Annual Average:	1,120
Maximum:	1,343

Collected During Project Lifetime (ft³/min):

Minimum:	735
Annual Average:	952
Maximum:	1,141

Project Size: Defined by User

Design Flow Rate for Project (ft³/min): 1,000

Utilized by Project (ft³/min):

Annual Average: 828

LFG Collection Efficiency: 85%

Financial Assumptions

Loan Lifetime (years): Not Applicable

Interest Rate: Not Applicable

General Inflation Rate: 2.5% *(applied to O&M costs)*

Equipment Inflation Rate: 1.0%

Marginal Tax Rate: Not Applicable

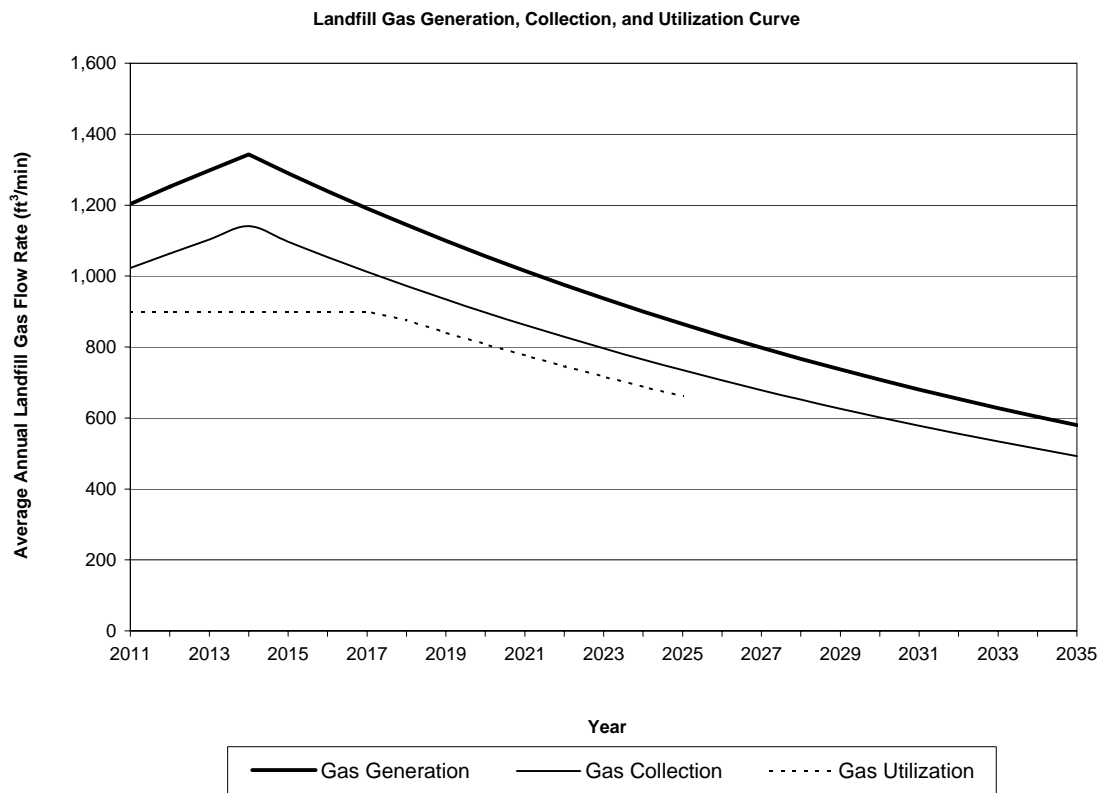
Discount Rate: 6.0%

Down Payment: 100.0%

Collection and Flaring Costs: NOT Included

Direct Use Production and Sales Summary

Pipeline Length From Landfill to End User (mi):	5.0	
LFG Average Utilization (million Btu/yr):	220,091	(during the life of the project)
Initial Year LFG Price (\$/million Btu):	5.00	





Case Study ID: Direct Use 6

U.S. EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program

Landfill Gas Energy Cost Model **LFGcost, Version 2.0**

Summary Report

Landfill Name or Identifier: Municipal Bond Finance

LFGE Project Type: Direct Use
5-Mile Pipeline

Date: Friday, September 04, 2009

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Summary Results

Project Start Year: 2011
Project End Year: 2025
Project Type: Direct Use

Financial Results:

Net Present Value:	\$7,501,924	(at year of construction)
Internal Rate of Return:	92%	
Net Present Value Payback (yrs):	2	(years after operation begins)
Installed Capital Costs:		

Skid-mounted Filter, Compressor, and Dehydration Unit:	\$1,096,608
Pipeline to convey gas to project site:	\$1,683,165
Total Capital Costs:	\$2,779,773
O&M Costs:	\$128,782 (for initial year of operation)

These financial results DO NOT include the costs associated with the LFG collection and flaring system.

Environmental Benefits**Benefits from Collecting and Destroying Methane (during the life of the project):**

Lifetime	(million ft ³ methane):	3,754
	(MMTCO ₂ E):	1.51E+00
Average Annual	(million ft ³ methane/yr):	250
	(MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.01E-01

Benefits from Avoided Direct Use of Fossil Fuels (during the life of the project):

Lifetime (MMTCO ₂ E):	1.72E-01
Average Annual (MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.15E-02

Landfill Characteristics

Open Year:	1994
Closure Year:	2014
Waste-In-Place at Closure (tons)	4,000,000
Average Waste Acceptance (tons/yr):	200,000
Average Depth of Landfill Waste (ft):	50
Area of LFG Wellfield to Supply Project (acres):	80

Landfill Gas Generation, Collection, and Utilization**Modeling Parameters for First-Order Decay Equation:**

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Annual Average:	1,120
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Utilized by Project (ft³/min):

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Financial Assumptions

Loan Lifetime (years): 10

Interest Rate: 6.0%

General Inflation Rate: 2.5% *(applied to O&M costs)*

Equipment Inflation Rate: 1.0%

Marginal Tax Rate: Not Applicable

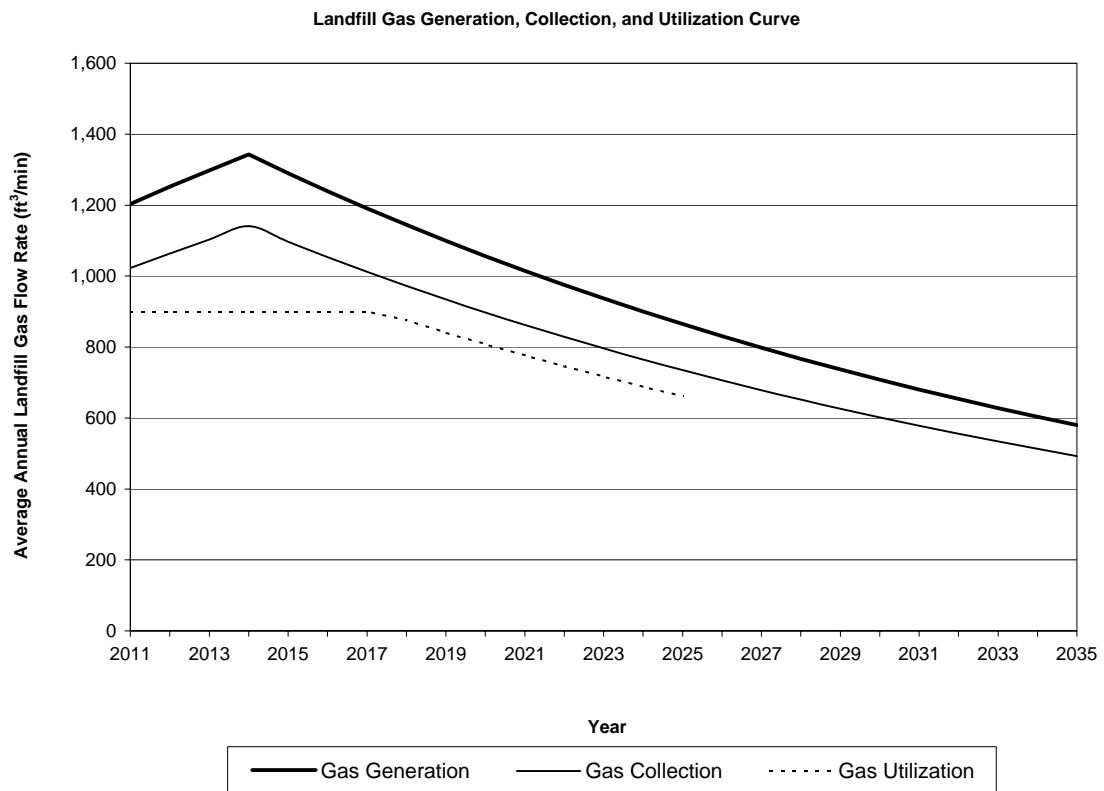
Discount Rate: 6.0%

Down Payment: 20.0%

Collection and Flaring Costs: NOT Included

Direct Use Production and Sales Summary

Pipeline Length From Landfill to End User (mi):	5.0	
LFG Average Utilization (million Btu/yr):	220,091	(during the life of the project)
Initial Year LFG Price (\$/million Btu):	5.0	





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U.S. EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program

Landfill Gas Energy Cost Model LFGcost, Version 2.0

Summary Report

Landfill Name or Identifier: Municipal Budget Finance
Including Costs for Gas Collection and Flare

LFGE Project Type: Direct Use
5-Mile Pipeline

Date: Friday, September 04, 2009

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Summary Results

Project Start Year: 2011

Project End Year: 2025

Project Type: Direct Use

Financial Results:

Net Present Value:	\$2,971,556	(at year of construction)
Internal Rate of Return:	15%	
Net Present Value Payback (yrs):	8	(years after operation begins)
Installed Capital Costs:		
Gas Collection and Flare:	\$1,849,922	
Skid-mounted Filter, Compressor, and Dehydration Unit:	\$1,096,608	
Pipeline to convey gas to project site:	\$1,683,165	
Total Capital Costs:	\$4,629,695	
O&M Costs:	\$408,089	(for initial year of operation)

These financial results include the costs associated with the gas collection and flaring system.

Environmental Benefits**Benefits from Collecting and Destroying Methane (during the life of the project):**

Lifetime	(million ft ³ methane):	3,754
	(MMTCO ₂ E):	1.51E+00
Average Annual	(million ft ³ methane/yr):	250
	(MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.01E-01

Benefits from Avoided Direct Use of Fossil Fuels (during the life of the project):

Lifetime (MMTCO ₂ E):	1.72E-01
Average Annual (MMTCO ₂ E/yr):	1.15E-02

Landfill Characteristics

Open Year:	1994
Closure Year:	2014
Waste-In-Place at Closure (tons)	4,000,000
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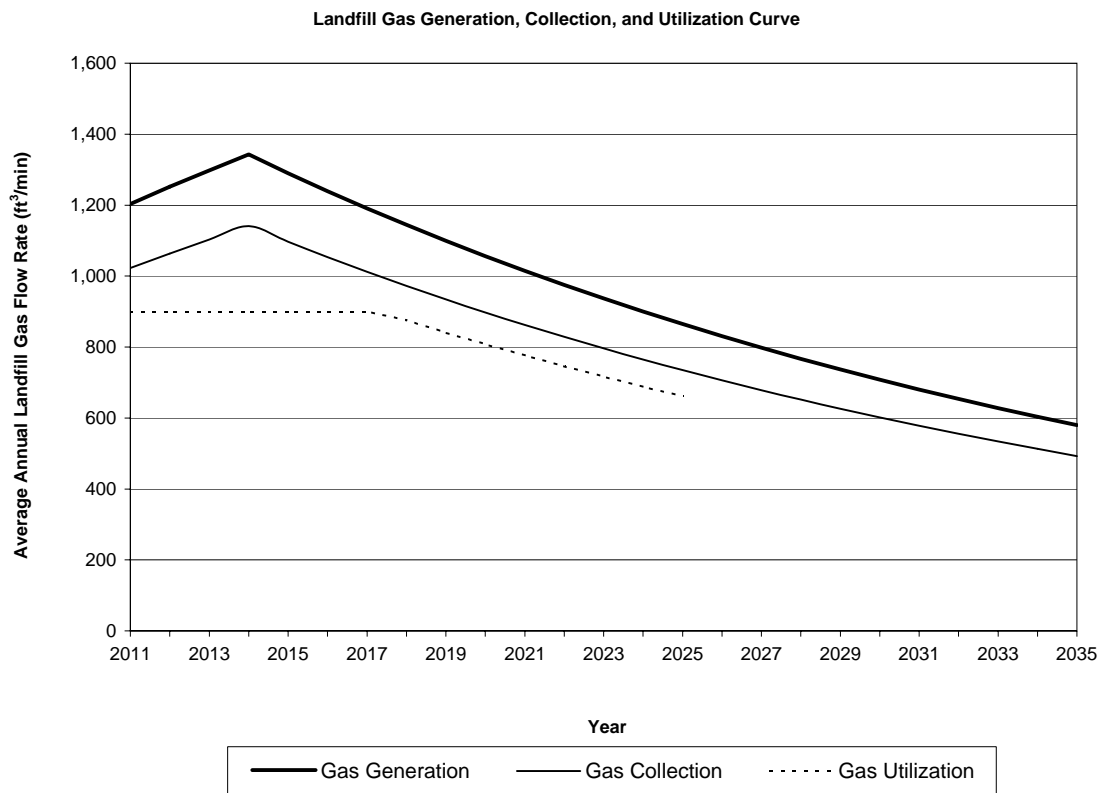
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Collection and Flaring Costs: Included

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Summary Results

Project Start Year: 2011

Project End Year: 2025

Project Type: Direct Use

Financial Results:

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